

DIVISION OF
FORESTRY

SPECIAL
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Clark State Forest
&
Deam Lake
State Recreation

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Numerous Improvements Highlight 2009-2010

It's been a long winter, but lots of jobs have been accomplished on the complex.

At Clark, a new seven bay shop has been built with a second in the works. New city sewer lines are being installed that will hook up all of our buildings, residences, and Henryville Corrections. The lines will end at the horse campground, which will give us the option to add a Class "A" Horse Camp and a Class "A" family campground behind Schlamm Lake in the future.

A new wood furnace will be installed near the administration building at Clark SF, which will heat 3-4 buildings.

Horse trails have been run for the first time since the big storms that knocked down several trees and marred traffic on the trails, and a reprint of the horse trail map is also in the works.

In terms of timber, sales have

been okay, and we are looking forward to a new summer for-
ester to help cruise timber.

At Deam, all horse barns have



The completion of horse barns at Deam Lake is just one of the many accomplishments of 09-10.

been completed, and the wash stations and manure bins are in the installation process.

All comfort stations in the campgrounds are being redone, and new shut off valves have been installed. With the help of a corrections crew, the campgrounds and beach have been cleaned up and sand will be added to an

expanded beach area. Three new shelters will be built this summer near the beach, and a new truck shed will also be started this summer for the property.

Under equipment work, a new six-mile horse trail loop is being built that will go completely around the lake.

The sewage treatment plant is getting a face-lift by removing all of the trees that keep falling on the fence, and a new roof and remodel for the plant itself will be started.

As you can see, times are very busy at Clark & Deam. Money is tight and help is even harder to get. How can you help? Volunteer!! Doing what? Picking up trash on trails and lakesides, building small projects, or even spending time in the Forest Education Center at Deam Lake. Just ask, because every little bit helps.

-Walt Zak, Property Manager

YHCC Renewal Brings Labor to Property, Work Experience to Local Youth

Last year, the Young Hoosier Conservation Corps program was put in place to not only aid properties with various projects, but also to help advance the experience of local youth. The YHCC program has been extended to 2010, and the same great results we experienced last year are expected to continue. YHCC employees will work on a number of different projects, ranging from campground maintenance to grounds beautification. In return, participants gain valuable job skills, establish good working habits, and get to spend some time in the great outdoors. Between Clark State Forest and Deam Lake, eleven people have been hired during the first hiring wave of the program, with a second wave to happen in mid-May. If you have questions regarding the YHCC program, please feel free to contact us.

Ivy Tech Students Volunteer At Deam



Volunteers landscaped the Forest Ed. Center at Deam, improving areas such as this one in the observation area.

Ivy Tech students representing honor society Phi Theta Kappa descended on Deam Lake on April 22nd, 2010 for a large scale volunteer project in honor of Earth Day.

Using funds procured from the school's Student Government Association, organizer Teri Popp purchased a substantial amount of plant material, and using both the plant material and resources from the property, lead a crew of around 80 students and faculty of Ivy

Tech Community College on projects including a major overhaul of the landscaping at the Forest Education Center and a trash sweep of the lake.

"I decided to use my many years in Horticulture and Project Management to support a good cause," said Popp. "Everyone pulled together, rolled up their sleeves and jumped in."

Popp and her merry band of volunteers mulched and planted several native plants

around the Forest Education Center, placed landscaping rocks, and got the fish pond in the observation area of the Forest Ed. Center in operational mode.

The lake had several pounds of trash collected from around its outer edges, as well.

Overall, it was a major success, and both the Forest Education Center and the lake are now in tip-top shape for the upcoming season thanks to these great volunteers.



Jim Warren of the National Wild Turkey Federation demonstrates turkey calls to the attentive Field Day student.

Field Day A Success Despite Rain

On April 23rd, 2010, *Earth Day at Clark State Forest* was held for a second consecutive year, albeit with some changes.

Due to a late cancellation by one of the registered schools and a severe storm on the way, presenters were taken to Henryville Jr. High School, where the event was held indoors under the same format.

Presenters included representatives from several different divisions of the Department of Natural Resources, as well as volunteers from a few private sector organizations.

7th grade students learned about everything from archaeology to invasive species as they spent the day rotating from classroom to classroom to listen to each presentation.

A special thanks to Karen Albert of Henryville Jr. High for helping to facilitate the event and helping everything to run smoothly despite the unforeseen complications.

If you have questions about the Field Day or any other special events held throughout the year, please contact our Naturalist, Rocky Brown, at (812) 246-5421.

"Everyone pulled together, rolled up their sleeves, and jumped in."

-Teri Popp

Ivy Tech Volunteer Organizer

Clark/Deam Complex To Host Open House

Clark State Forest and Deam Lake State recreation Area will host an open house on May 15th, 2010 at the Clark State Forest Administration Building from 10am-1pm. Informational displays will be available for viewing, and the staffs of Clark State Forest and Deam Lake State Recreation Area will be

on hand to answer questions about everything from property happenings to timber management. Refreshments will be served at the event, which is open to the public.

Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns regard the Clark State Forest/Deam Lake State Recreation Area

Open House, please feel free to contact the Clark State Forest Administration Building at (812)294-4306, or the Deam Lake State Recreation Area Office at (812)246-5421.



Other Improvements at Clark Of Note



As previously stated, times are busy at Clark State Forest. Along with the numerous projects already outlined on the front page, there are even more under way.

Among other projects currently in

the works or already completed are:

- We added 3 new Romtec toilets to replace the old wooden pit toilets in the campground and fire-tower.
- new hitching rails and site markers in horse camp
- refinished backstops in front field
- YHCC and DoC help with 7-bay shop
- Sewer line currently going in.

The main objective is for corrections to get hooked up but forestry was able to come up with the funds to hook up the service buildings, residence and run a line to the horse camp for a dump station.

In the next year:

finish 7-bay shop

demolish old sawmill and start construction on another 7-bay building

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-Greg Roeder, Clark SF Forester

Timber Management 2009-2010

It was a busy year for forest management at Clark State Forest last year. We sold 1,315,985 board feet of timber raising \$271,181.00. You will likely see timber harvesting in compartment 9, tracts 6 and 7 near Broadway Road in Clark County, and compartment 15, tract 8 near Deam Lake. This year harvests are planned for compartment 15, tracts 5, 6,

and 7 on the east side of Deam Lake and compartment 5, tracts 5 and 6 north of Shaw Lake in Scott County. The combined sales should yield an estimated 1.6 million board feet of timber. Timber harvesting is not all we do here at Clark. We are constantly working to improve the quality of the forest by removing pine stands to make way for more valuable hardwoods, tim-

ber stand improvement work following harvests, invasive species treatments, wildlife habitat improvement, and tree plantations.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments about forest management at Clark State Forest.

Greg Roeder - Forester, Clark State Forest

2nd Annual Polar Plunge Another Huge Success

For the second consecutive year, brave local souls took to the beach at Deam Lake in the name of charity. Despite the frigid February weather and ice nearly 4 inches thick, scores of people - who had raised money via sponsors and private donors prior to the event - took a dive in the icy waters in the name of compassion.

The Polar Plunge is an annual event held at Deam Lake to benefit Special Olympics. Meticulously planned and orchestrated, the event is coordinated by a local chapter of Special Olympics Indiana, and facilitated by the staff at Deam Lake and Clark State Forest.

This year's total was yet another impressive take, with nearly

\$50,000 being raised for this great organization, making it the second - highest grossing Polar Plunge in the state.

For more information on next year's event, please contact the Deam Lake office.



Polar Plungers hit the beach at Deam Lake SRA in February to benefit Special Olympics



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Clark State Forest and Deam Lake State Recreation Area are a complex of properties located in Clark County, Indiana.

Along with our dedication to responsible forestry practices, both properties offer a myriad of recreational opportunities to the public.

We're On The Web!!
<http://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry>

Volunteers Needed!!!

Here at the Clark State Forest/Deam Lake State Recreation Area complex, we are always in need of volunteers. We have projects that can fit with most any interest, skill, or knowledge level. Examples of volunteer opportunities include:

Trail Maintenance
Horse Trail Trash Pick-up
Trash Sweeps
Interpretive Programs
Landscaping
Smokey Bear Costume
General Property Labor
Constructions Projects
...and many more!

If you are interested in volunteering at either property, we are willing to accommodate you to a project or position that meets your needs and your skill/knowledge set.

Volunteerism not only helps us provide a better service to the public, but also provides volunteers with valuable experience, networking, and

especially the feeling of accomplishment and pride in your respective communities.

Citizens interested in volunteering should contact Property Manager Walt Zak at (812)294-4306, Asst. Property Manager Brad Steward at (812)294-4306, Assistant Property Manager Jana Gold, or Naturalist Rocky Brown, both at (812)246-5421.

You can read more about volunteer opportunities, keep up to date with new projects that come available, and keep abreast of lots of other news by visiting our website, which is listed above.



Volunteers hard at work on landscaping around the Forest Education Center as a part of Ivy Tech's Earth Day 2010 Project